



Volunteer Religious Instructor (RI) Role Description

Nature of the Role

The Religious Instruction Instructor provides approved religious instruction to students within a Queensland state school in accordance with the requirements of the Queensland Department of Education and the authorised religious instruction program. The instructor seeks to inform students about the basic beliefs of the Christian faith from a nondenominational perspective, in an engaging, age-appropriate, and respectful manner while supporting the school's learning environment and complying with all relevant policies and procedures.

Key Responsibilities

- Deliver approved Religious Instruction lessons in accordance with the authorised curriculum and teaching materials.
- Prepare and present lessons that are appropriate to the age, developmental stage, and learning needs of students.
- Foster a safe, respectful, and inclusive learning environment.
- Encourage student participation, discussion, and engagement while respecting differing beliefs and backgrounds.
- Maintain appropriate professional boundaries with students at all times.
- Work cooperatively with school staff, RI coordinators, and other authorised instructors.
- Follow all school procedures relating to visitor access, student welfare, behaviour management, emergency procedures, and workplace health and safety.
- Ensure all interactions with students reflect the values and expectations of the school and Grace Christian Church Buderim.
- Maintain confidentiality regarding student information and school matters.
- Attend relevant training, meetings, and professional development as required.
- If the opportunity presents itself, voluntarily join together with other accredited representatives from local churches on the Sunshine Coast to provide a Cooperative Arrangement Religious Instruction Program in a local school.

Compliance Requirements

The Religious Instruction Instructor must:

- Hold a current Queensland Blue Card or Exemption Card linked to Grace Christian Church Buderim, prior to entry into the school.
- Complete all required safe ministry training and faith-based religious instruction training and ensure they are kept current.
- Be authorised and endorsed as an accredited representative by Grace Christian Church Buderim.
- Comply with Chapter 5, section 76 and Chapter 19, section 426 (Confidentiality) of the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006*.
- Comply with Part 5 and 8, Section 67 of the *Education (General Provisions) Regulation 2017*.
- Comply with Queensland Department of Education policies relating to Religious Instruction.
- Adhere to Grace Christian Church's *Code of Conduct* and Safe Ministry requirements.
- Immediately report any concerns relating to child safety in accordance with legislative and organisational requirements.

Knowledge and Skills

- Knowledge and understanding of the faith tradition of Grace Christian Church Buderim.
- Ability to communicate effectively with children and young people.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills.
- Ability to engage students through interactive and age-appropriate teaching methods.
- Reliability, professionalism, and sound judgement.
- Commitment to child safety and student wellbeing.
- Ability to work collaboratively with school staff, volunteers, and faith community representatives.

Personal Attributes

The Religious Instruction Instructor will:

- Demonstrate integrity, respect, and professionalism.
- Show sensitivity to the diverse backgrounds and beliefs of students and families.
- Be approachable, patient, and encouraging.
- Model positive behaviour and ethical conduct.
- Be committed to ongoing learning and development.

Time Commitment

- Religious Instruction classes are generally conducted during school hours at times agreed with the school.
- Preparation and administration time may be required in addition to lesson delivery.
- Attendance at periodic training, review meetings, and compliance updates may be required.

Accountability

The Religious Instruction Instructor is accountable to:

- Grace Christian Church Buderim Session
- The Religious Instruction Coordinator (where applicable).
- The Principal or delegated representative of the school regarding compliance with school policies and procedures.

Authorised Programs:

Bible Society, Big Questions, Connect, God Space, Getting to Know Jesus, Love out Loud.

Please list the school/s where you would like to instruct:

School: _____

Address of School: _____

School RI Coordinator: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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I have read, and agree to abide by, this Role Description.

Name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: ____/____/____